



LEARNER

Kindergarten

Journey Day

September 25, 2026

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- **Voice & Ownership** – Students choose what they want to learn and how they want to explore it.
- **Adapting for the Future** – By trying new tools and talents, students build the flexible skillsets needed in an evolving world.
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- **Building Meaningful Relationships** – Through shared experiences, mentorship, or collaboration, students connect with peers and community members who can fuel their learning journey.

Missions

****Required**

Complete your Kindergarten Mission: Journey Day 1 [activity page](#).

Bring it back to school by October 2nd.

Family Connection Questions:

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- How did Portrait of a Comet Kid help with your learning?
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Expeditions

****Optional**

Welcome to your **Expedition Choice Board**! This is a board full of activities that you can choose to do if you want to! It's a way to learn new things and practice Comet Kid skills you're already good at.

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K-6 MODIFIED JOURNEY DAY CHOICE BOARD

On each Journey Day, choose activities from your choice board that help you practice **Portrait of a Comet** skills.

Mark or fill in each square as you go so that you can share with your classmates!

 Adaptability	 Critical Thinking	 Integrity	 Communication	 Empathy
Choose and prepare your own snack or lunch.	Help put groceries away in the correct place.	Choice Activity!	Order your own dinner at a restaurant.	Complete a job around the house for someone who needs help.
Listen to new music or make up a new dance to your favorite song	Create your own Activity. _____	Pick up your toys or games without being asked.	Practice introducing yourself to family members or friends	Choice Activity!
Try a new food or activity	Help with cooking for lunch or dinner.	Help clean off the table after dinner.	Choice Activity!	Write a kind note or draw a picture to share with someone.
Choice Activity!	Complete an art project about YOU and your strengths!	Help with yard work or recycling.	Call or FaceTime a family member.	Help take care of a family or friend's pet.
Count money with a partner at home and pay for an item.	Choice Activity!	Put away your own laundry.	Take turns when playing a game.	Help a parent or sibling without being asked.